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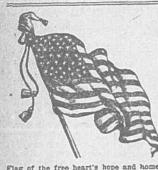
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-Joseph Rodman Drake.

CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

The First Congressional District Republican Convention will be held in the Park Campon Wheeling, on Thursday, July 41, 1881, at 11 o'clock a. m., to nominate a candidate for Representative in the Congress of the United States, to be voted for at the election to be held in November next. The counties of the district shall be entitled to choose delegates to said convention as follows:

Brooke Braxton Doddridge Gilmer Harrison Hancock By order of the committee.
C. D. ELLIOTT, Chairman.
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OHIO COUNTY REPUBLICAN TICKET.

(Nominated June 28, 1898.) For House of Delegates,
H. F. BEHRENS,
B. W. CONNELLY,
HARRY W. McLURE,
RALPH McCOY.

The Bombardment in Progress. The complete fall of Santiago is only a question of a few hours, and before the Intelligencer reaches many of its readers, may have already taken place The Spanish commander, in obedience to the Madrid government, refused to surrender unconditionally, and our army and navy forces engaged in the bombardment, the first firing, however, coming from the enemy. The fact that the American sea and land forces are noting in conjunction, according to the plans outlined several days since, warrants the assumption that a brief time will witness what every one believes is

The American commander reports that he has the Spaniards hemmed in, and his statement that he will have enough forces to-day to completely block all roads to the northwest (in the direction of Havana) indicates that he is sure of frie ground. In all probability he is counting on the reinforcements which have already arrived, which will add materially to the army in point of numbers and equipments

The details of the bombardment and the extent of the operations yesterday are necessarily meagre, but the conditions are such that the public may expect to hear of the success of the Amer fcan forces at any time. The news that at the beginning the Spanish light guns were slienced by the guns on the American side is not surprising, in view of the general history of the war up to the The Spanish commander at Santiago has evidently adopted the policy followed out by the naval comman-ders. It will be death before surrender, and to-day may tell the whole story of the decisive battle of the war on land, for that is how the final act at Santiago is regarded on two continents.

May End the War.

The gratification with which the United States naval authorities hailed the announcement of the fact that the only naval fleet of any consequence the Spanish government has left on its hands has abandoned the trip to the Philippines to return to the Spanish cosst, will be shared by the people of the country. It promises well for the future, and for early peace negotiations.

Unless this decrepid relic of a one fairly good navy goes into hiding, the return will give Commodore Watson's formidable fleet something to operate on besides land fortifications, and enable it to complete the work which has already been almost accomplished by Dewey and Schley and Sampson. It reduces almost to a certainty that before the war closes there may yet be another opportunity for American seamen to "re-member the Maine," by diminishing the Spenish navy to a few ineffective vessels, which would amount to a practical annihilation of the entire sea power of Spain. The circumstance enables this country to bring the war directly home to the Spanish people, with an emphasis more powerful than any demonstration

yet made, so far as they are concerned. There is to be no delay in sending the Watson expedition to Spain, beyond that are handlcapped in essential particulars

which is absolutely necessary, the rumors of peace overtures in Europe are true and should take a shape insuing consummation satisfactory to the United States. The fleet which has been selected for Watson to take on this important mission combines powerful fighting qualities with speed.

It is not likely that this country will be disappointed in the effect of Commo dore Watson's trip to the Spanish coast The possibility is that it may be such that it will bring momentous results without the firing of a gun. Daily the signs of Spanish yielding increases.

Senator Elkins on Hawait.

Elsewhere will be found an interview by the Intelligencer's Washington cor-respondent with Senator S. B. Elkins on the annexation of Hawaii, which covers the various phases of the question as completely as is possible in a newspaper talk. The senator was prominently connected with the advocacy of annexation, and for this reason is competent to speak upon the subject from that stand-He shows the desirability and .inlog necessity at this time of the action of Congress on a proposition which has been the subject of discussion, not alone in recent years, but for many years paet

What has come to pass, as one of the measures in connection with the present war, is but the consummation of what leading statesmen of the country the naval authorities of the United States have advocated for several generations. It is not a new question, as the opponents of the measure would have people believe. Nothing can be added to what Senator Elkins says on the subject, which we are sure will be read with interest by the public, regardless of what individuals may believe in opposition to his views. The senator meets every argument of the opposition, and presents the value of the islands, not alone from a strategic point of view, but from the practical commercial standpoint. His point concerning the possession of Hawaii in connection with the Nicaragua canal, the construction of which is a necessity in connection with the extension of our commercial interests and trade on the Pacific, and with the Asiatic countries, is now more than ever an assured fact, is worthy of careful consideration.

Incidentally, and as having a bearing on the general subject, the senator shows the precedents which sustain the wisdom of the anexation policy, and discusses briefly and conservatively some of the questions which will arise in connection with the disposal of territory which we may take from Spain during the war. The senator has an abiding confidence, as all good Americans have, in the competency of our government to settle these questions wisely and safely, in the interests of peace with all the world and the commercial advancement of the United States, which, he aptly and truthfully says, has outgrown its swaddling clothes.

All the talk about the admission of Hawaii having foisted upon us an undesirable population is dealt with briefly and sensibly. The argument that we have annexed a population of "halfsavages, Chinese, and mongrel elements from various foreign nations, who are to be made citizens of the country, with an equal right to vote with the citizens of the states," urged to create prejudice, is shown to be absurd. Hawaii has not been admitted as a state of the Union, and we are just as competent to deal with all questions pertaining to the conditions there, which are greatly exaggerated by the opposition, as we have been with similar conditions in other territory we have annexed since the beginning of the government.

The annexation resolutions deal directly with this problem by providing to meet it. It is as absurd for Hawaiian opponents to urge that the alleged "half savage" tribes of Hawaiians are by the resolution entitled to a vote when no form of government has yet been provided, as it would have been to urge in 1803, by the opponents of the Louisiana purchase, that the hundreds of thousands of Indians who then occupied that enormous territory, now comprising fourteen of our great western states, would be made citizens with rights to vote, or that the annexation of Texas, in 1845, and the cession from Mexico in 1848, or that the purchase of carried the me conse quences with them.

Mr. Elkins' interview has much in it of instruction, which although all may not agree with, will be read with more than possing interest, and we heartly ommend its perusal to our readers.

A National Day of Prayer

Yesterday the churches of the entire country responded to President McKinley's request that they make their services an especial occasion for thanksgiving and prayer. In Wheeling, as else where, the response was unanimous. In no country in a time of war was the observance of such an occasion of thanks to Providence for the successes of its arms, and prayers for the welfare of its soldiers and sailors, and the successful ending of the war, more consistent with the purpose of the war. It is in the highest degree a war for humanity-a battle for civilization and progress over semi-barbarism and degeneracy, and the spirit which prompted the prayers of the millions of Americans yesterday who assembled in their thousands of places of worship, was born of the conscienceness of a righteous cause and a supreme faith in the Guiding Hand of Almighty God.

County Democratic Convention. The Democratic county convention of Saturday was harmonious, possibly for the main reason that there were not sufficient ambitious contestants to make the matter of choice a lively contest. The legislative ticket chosen does not consess the elements of strength so freely heasted of previous to the convention, and in some quarters there seemed to be a hesftancy on the part of those solicited to sacrifice themselves on the altar of the party. This was especially so in the matter of a labor representative, One candidate who has been successful in oil will probably receive considerable atention from the boys during the cam-

palgn. Personally the gentlemen who com one the ticket are well enough, but they

in other ways. The unqualified reaffirm ation of the Bryan platform is an impited notification that the sound money Democrats are not to be invited into the fold; on the contrary they are invited to remain on the outside.

Ohio county will remain Republican by electing the excellent legislative and district tickets named by that party.

The Intelligencer is in receipt of a handsomely printed prospectus and sou-venir volume of the Illinois Steel Comcontaining a history of the remarkable development of the institution as a competitor for a business in the markets of the world. The book is handsomely illustrated from photo graphs of the five great plants of the company, and its contents are descriptive of them and their facilities, their capacity, and interesting statistics of their production. In these points alone the volume is interesting to the iron trade of the world. It has a local interest in the fact that the company owns coal plants in this state, as well as in western Pennsylvania. The main officer are in Chicago, where doubtless copies of the interesting work can be obtained

If the Spanish government was foolish enough to suppose that its first proposition of terms on which Santiago would be evacuated by the Spanish troops would be considered for a moment by the United States, it must have had a queer idea of the perception and discretion of this government. General Shafter's prompt reply to the Spanish offer to march out of the city, if permitted to retain arms, ammunition and supplies, that no such condition was possible, was the only logical reply that could be made. Our government properly took the ground that such terms would have amounted to a reinforcement of Blanco at Havana. Surely it is time for the Spanish government to realize that it is not dealing with children.

The Spanish official report of the destruction of Cervera's fleet gives due credit to the American naval ships and crews for the splendid work they did. Our friend, the enemy, is growing more frankly and truthfully appreciative of the power of the American navy, which it held in such contempt but a few weeks

STATE PRESS GLEANINGS.

"We honor, too, the patriotic citizen soldiers of our own state of West Virginia, who have volunteered for the defense of their country, and to them we send cheer and greeting."—Extract from platform adopted by Hinton Dem-

oratic convention.

They sent cheer and greeting to the soldiers, but denounced the administration for raising money to pay and feed them. "Oh consistency, thou art a yewel."—Bluefield Telegrapa.

who was for several years a familiar character on our streets, selling newscharacter on our streets, senting news-papers and trying in various ways to earn a scant living, died at the county poor house recently. This old lady, who in her last days was so poor and friend-less, was a sister, so we are informed, of the late Daniel Titchnel, at one time one of the most noted ministers in the West Virginia Methodist Episcopal con-ference.—Grafton Sentinel.

The Morgantown New Dominion says that there is a strong probability that the Hon. John Thomas McGraw, of Gratton, will be the nominee of the Democrats of the congressional district for Congress this fall. "We do not believe the colonel will allow his political ambition to be thus early squelched in the bud," says the Grafton Sentinel. "This congressional district is not going to be carried by the Democrats to begin with and Colonel McGraw knows it is not. He has other political aspirations on which he is building with more confidence than the narrow prospect of a seat in the lower house in 1899. Colonel McGraw will hardly be "our meat" in the election this fall. We give him credit with too much political discretion for that." that there is a strong probability that

Prof. C. O. Townsend recently appointed state pathologist accompanied by Mr. W. G. Johnson state entomologist, on Tuesday visited Sharpsburg and Keedysville, in Washington county, where they made a preliminary exami-nation of the condition of the fruit trees nation of the condition of the fruit trees in that section. Professor Johnson expressed himself as greatly pleased at the improved conditions of the orchards infected with San Jose scale. With the exception of one or two sections, an orchard near Sharpsburg and one at Boonsboro, the scale has been brought, by vigorous treatment, under control. He expects to issue a bulletin before September 1, on the Hessian fly, which has done much damage to the wheat crop now harvesting. Farmers will be told of the best manner to get rid of the pest,—Shepherdstown Register.

A very novel suit for damages has been instituted in the circuit court of Tyler county. C. M. Matheny of St. Mary's, was a candidate for the postofannys, was a candidate for the postinater work and others. Matheny claims that he withdrew from the contest and threw all of his influence to Work, for which Mr. Work was to pay him the sum of \$1,000. Work denies this, hence the lawsuit.

Our good brother of the Fairmon! West Virginian thinks that Mr. Dayton "has promised us a nice, juicy plum, probably a consulship as soon as one probably a consulship as soon as one can be secured or when the first vacancy occurs." If Mr. Dayton has made any promise of any kind to us or to any other person in our behalf of any office or "plum" of any kind we have never heard of it, nor do we believe he has. If he has we would like to know it and to know what he has promised. We are supporting Mr. Dayton on the ground that a man who has served well and faithfully two terms is worth more to the district and to the country than a new and inexperienced man,—Keyser Mountain, Echo.

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HINTS FOR PROSPECTIVE BRIDES There are good as well as bad things to be said of a long engagement," announced Peggy, after she had snuggled down in the sofa pillows with her latest whest friend" touching elbows with her.
"Take Beth Thompson, for instance.
Her and Fred's engagement was announced over a year ago, and there isn't
the least sign of an early wedding day.
In the meantime they are furnishing
their flat."
"Their flat?" schood the "best friend." Their flat?" echoed the "best friend,"

"Their flat?" cchoed the "best friend." with her mouth full of marshmallow paste. "If there len't a wedding day how in the world can there be a flat?" "There isn't one really—only just an indefinite one, located off there in the future somewhere, in the midst of rosy-tinted mists. But they are furnishing it, just the same, and substantially, too. At present the articles are stowed away in Beth's mother's garret, but there is quite a pile of them by this time. It's a pily, though, that the card-playing senson is so nearly over now," added Peggy.

Peggy.

"You see, they're furnishing their flat with prizes won at cinch and euchre purtes. They are fine players, and it is a rare thing, indeed, when they do not come home with either the first or second prize. Their friends have entered into the spirit of the thing, and whenever a girl invites them to some in for an informal little evening she buys something which will shine in the famous visionary flat. Then the other players, too, have caught the contagion, and they work with a wonderfully unselfish spirit to help the struggling would-be housekeepers win. Beth told me the other day that she and Fred had knough china plates to run a hotel, and her bonbon spoons would fit out a fewelry shop. As for pictures, she thinks she will have to lay the superfluous ones on the floor, instead of having rugs. Her dollies and embrodered centerpluces will hast per for years and there You see, they're furnishing their flat

ones on the floor, instead of having rugs. Her dollies and embroidered centerpieces will last her for years, and there
is a whole shelf full of books for the
prospective library.

"Of course there are several duplicates
among all these things, but a clumsy
young housekeeper will soon reduce the
surplus. Beth says that her only fear
is that with next winter's earnings
added to the wedlding presents which
will come some-day the flat will have to
be enlarged into a storage warehouse.
The whole thing is lots more exciting
than the usual humdrum accumulation
of mere bits for the trousseau. If brides than the usual humdrum accumulation of mere bits for the trousseau. If brides would put a little more thought into getting together hall rugs and dreaser covers and library lamps, and less into pale kid gloves and lace petiticoate there would be fewer young men with a horror of matrimony. I wonder if it would be unmaidenly for a girl to begin a collection of things for housekeeping before she has found the exact man who is to pay the rent for the flat?"—Chicago News.

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